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WASHINGTON, November 28, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the non-holiday week ended November 22 totaled an estimated 18.7 billion ton-miles, 17.4 percent above the corresponding holiday week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 47 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 832 billion ton-miles, 0.6 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended November 22 totaled 460,001 cars, 14.0 percent above 1979, and 3.2 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 22.1 percent in the East, 9.1 percent in the South, and 11.5 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 17 of the 21 commodity groups were up; coal loadings were up 25,408 cars, or 26.2 percent. Thirteen of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

## Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended November 15 totaled 31,655 cars, down 13.0 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 57,505 trailers and/or containers, 10.3 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 46 weeks of the year was 1,480,490 cars, 10.8 percent lower than last year, and 2,689,199 trailers and/or containers, down 8.3 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 11/22/80:

| | Loadings in Week ended November 22, 1980 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1979 | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 33,092 | I | 2,440 | 8.0 | I 520 | 1.6 |
| Other farm products | 5,517 | D | 280 | 4.8 | I 5 | 0.1 |
| Metallic ores | 29,555 | D | 3,335 | 10.1 | I 3,850 | 15.0 |
| Coal | 122,360 | I | 25,408 | 26.2 | I 10,146 | 9.0 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 13,502 | I | 672 | 5.2 | D 1,190 | 8.1 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 13,198 | D | 965 | 6.8 | D 1,088 | 7.6 |
| Grain mill products | 16,920 | I | 1,224 | 7.8 | D 72 | 0.4 |
| Food and kindred products | 18,531 | I | 2,883 | 18.4 | I 1,039 | 5.9 |
| Primary forest products | 19,826 | I | 3,324 | 20.1 | D 301 | 1.5 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 9,459 | I | 1,571 | 19.9 | I 519 | 5.8 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 20,247 | I | 115 | 0.6 | I 960 | 5.0 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 27,488 | I | 3,730 | 15.7 | D 1,389 | 4.8 |
| Petroleum products | 5,731 | I | 731 | 14.6 | I 345 | 6.4 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 15,401 | I | 564 | 3.8 | D 784 | 4.8 |
| Coke | 5,950 | I | 198 | 3.4 | I 259 | 4.6 |
| Metals and products | 16,463 | I | 1,735 | 11.8 | I 1,075 | 7.0 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 19,161 | I | 4,851 | 33.9 | D 1,205 | 5.9 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 13,548 | I | 2,748 | 25.4 | D 167 | 1.2 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 11,172 | I | 1,844 | 19.8 | I 591 | 5.6 |
| All other carloads | 42,639 | I | 7,193 | 20.3 | I 1,291 | 3.1 |
| LCL traffic | 241 | D | 53 | 18.0 | I 14 | 6.2 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 460,001 | I | 56,598 | 14.0 | I 14,418 | 3.2 |
| Corresponding week of 1979 | 403,403 | | | | | |

| | 1980 | 1979 | % | Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (47 weeks) | 20,583,930 | 21,701,002 | D | 5.1 |
| Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions): | | | | |
| 46 weeks cumulative | 812.9 | 810.6 | I | 0.3 |
| Week ended November 22 | 18.7 | 16.0 | I | 17.4 |
| 47 weeks cumulative | 831.7 | 826.5 | I | 0.6 |

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